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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 21, 2008 and having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on Saturday, June 21, 2008. As June 21 is a Saturday, Applicant believes this Amendment is timely filed within the shortened statutory period on Monday, June 23, 2008. Applicant submits the following responsive Amendment in the above-identified application. Also submitted with this Amendment is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) with the required fees. In the event that any further fees are deemed as due, or in the event of any overpayment, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the Deposit Account 12-0400 accordingly. Applicant believes this amendment places the application in better condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.